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To whom it may concern,

IMPORTATION OF SPECTROMETER SOLENOID MAGNET, CRYOCOOLER HEADS, COMPRESSORS AND HOSES AND IRON SHIELD DISKS AND BRACKETS TO THE MICE PROJECT.

The international Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment (MICE) is being constructed at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL). RAL is one of the laboratories run by the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC). The MICE collaboration is drawn from Asia (China and Japan), Europe (Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the UK), and the USA. Each of the collaborating countries is responsible for the provision of part of the experiment. The provision of a particular piece of equipment is governed through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the STFC and the foreign institute responsible for the provision of the equipment in question. The STFC was formed on the 1st April 2007 through the merger of the Council for the Central Laboratory for the Research Councils (CCLRC) and the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council (PPARC). Several MoUs were negotiated by CCLRC before the merger. The terms and responsibilities described in these MoUs have been taken on by the STFC. The MoUs, therefore, remain in force.

The equipment referred to above is provided as a temporary donation for use in the experiment and will not be used for commercial purposes. The research that will be carried out using the MICE experiment will be published in appropriate journals and so will be in the public domain. The research can therefore be considered to be of a philanthropic nature and therefore to qualify for relief under the provisions of SI 1984/746, Schedule 2, Group 6.

The present consignment forms part of the MICE Project spectrometer Installation. The equipment will be used at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory.

Yours faithfully

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